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| Art Unit: 2171       | Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AVOIDING DEADLOCK SITUATIONS DUE TO PSEUDO-DELETED ENTRIES |                            |

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Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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